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11. (C) SUMMARY: On January 18, polmiloffs delivered reftel demarche on sanctions against the A.Q. Khan proliferation network to Dr. Davood Moradian, Senior Policy Advisor to the Afghan Foreign Minister. Moradian generally welcomed the news but used the meeting to urge the U.S. to adopt a ''smart sanctions'' approach targeting Pakistani ISI personnel linked with terrorist networks. A biographic note on Moradian begins at para 6 below. END SUMMARY

12. (C) Moradian welcomed the news that the U.S. had imposed sanctions on activities related to the A.Q. Khan network, but he expressed disappointment that sanctions were limited to individuals and companies. He said, ''I,m very sorry to see that the A.Q. Khan sanctions were not also against the Pakistani government.'' This limit to U.S. policy ultimately protects the Pakistani government from accountability, he asserted.

13. (C) Moradian proceeded to urge adoption of a ''smart sanctions'' policy by the United States. The U.S. could, for example, extend its policy of officially designating some members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard as terrorists to members of the Pakistan ISI intelligence service who are known to support terrorist networks. ''We have carrots that reward Pakistan, but we don,t have a sufficient stick against the Pakistani ISI,'' Moradian said.

14. (C) Moradian noted that when former Pakistani president Pervez Musharaff went to Washington, he was rewarded by officials who entertained the idea of selling F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan, rather than admonished for his intelligence agency,s links to the Taliban. ''Musharaff was rewarded for future good behavior and not confronted on past bad behavior,'' he concluded.

15. (C) To further emphasize that MFA,s strong position on sanctions against the ISI is constructive, Moradian outlined the MFA,s four-pronged policy toward Pakistan as follows: 1) Support the process of democratization of Pakistan. 2) Disempower the ISI and the madrassa system of education. 3) Promote people-to-people contacts like the Jirga peace initiative. 4) Promote regional cooperation. The ''smart sanctions'' policy promotes goal two, he said.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

16. (C) Dr. Davood Moradian (who looks to be in his early 40s) was born in Herat and lived there until the age of seven. His surname comes from old Persian and means ''one whose hopes are realized.'' He believes the origins of his name are Armenian. Moradian spent about 17-years living in the U.K. He holds dual Afghan and British nationality. He earned his Ph.D in international relations with a focus on comparative studies from St. Andrews in Scotland. The subject of his dissertation was ''Punishment in the international

community'' in which he built the case that ''the dichotomy between justice and peace is displaced.''

17. (C) Despite his British nationality and strong family and educational ties to the U.K., Moradian considers himself to be more pro-U.S. than pro-U.K. when it comes to Afghan politics. He believes the British are ''obsessed'' with history and see Afghanistan through their experiences in two losing wars. The U.K. tends to believe that Afghanistan cannot move beyond tribal governance, while Americans, untainted by defeat, are optimistic about Afghanistan achieving a modern democratic government. He believes that Afghanistan is strategically important and that the U.S. and Afghanistan relationship is mutually beneficial.

18. (C) Moradian is optimistic that Afghans can change, and dismisses the approach of British analysts who in his view, too often obsess over Afghanistan's past rather than judging Afghans on the significant social progress made in recent years. He points to the television hit show ''Afghan Idol'' as a pop culture symbol of social progress. Recently a Muslim woman from Bamyan sang on this show in celebration of the Shia Muslim religious holiday of Muharram with make-up on, without offending the religious sensibilities of the nation. He views this as an example that Afghan culture can and is changing.

19. (C) Moradian speaks fluent English with a slight accent. He is charming, witty and his comments generally seem intelligent and well thought out. He enjoys political and literary discourse. Currently he is reading ''Butcher & Bolt: 200 Years of Foreign Engagement in Afghanistan,'' by David Loyn.

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